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FOR GARRISON FROM SHINN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE AMENDMENT TO THE NEW YORK TAX LAWS WOULD NOT AFFECT NEW YORK STATE'S REQUIREMENTS FOR RECIPROCITY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FOREIGN BANKS. NEW LAWS APPLY ONLY TO THOSE FOREIGN BANKS WHICH ARE ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN NEW YORK CITY. IF THE USSR WANTED TO ESTABLISH A BANK IN NEW YORK CITY THERE MUST BE RECIPROCITY WITH RESPECT TO THE POWER TO TAKE DEPOSITS AND THE ABILITY TO EXECUTE TRUST POWERS. WITHOUT BOTH OF THESE CAPABILITIES, THE USSR CANNOT ESTABLISH A BANK IN NEW YORK CITY.

2. REF: STATE 217690. BOB GERMAN AND ALAN KRAUSE, EUR/SOV ACTION OFFICER FOR CODEL RIBICOFF/BELLMON, MET WITH SENATE STAFF AUGUST 29. BESIDES REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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ITINERARY SUGGESTIONS, CONVEYED SEPTTEL, SEVERAL POINTS WERE COVERED:

A. SENATOR RIBICOFF IS INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH DISSIDENTS BUT WISHES TO AVOID ANYTHING WHICH COULD REDUCE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS VISIT OR HARM INDIVIDUAL DISSENTERS. HE WOULD LIKE EMBASSY ADVICE ON THIS MATTER.

HE WILL BRING AIDE DAVID SCHAEFER, WHO IS WELL VERSED IN SOVIET DISSIDENT MATTERS. PERHAPS SCHAEFER COULD MEET REPRESENTATIVE DISSIDENTS TO CONVEY CODEL INTEREST IN LOW-KEYED MANNER.

B. CODEL WOULD LIKE EMBASSY'S ADVICE CONCERNING GIFTS. STAFF SUGGESTED THAT GIFTS TO INSTITUTIONS RATHER THAN TO INDIVIDUALS MIGHT BE BEST--FOR EXAMPLE, GIFTS FOR SUPREME SOVIET AND FOR UZBEK, GEORGIAN AND UKRAINIAN SOVIETS. SHOULD THERE ALSO BE A GIFT FOR BREZHNEV? HOW MANY SMALLER GIFTS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE?

C. FURTHER, CONCERNING MOSCOW HOTEL, RIBICOFF WOULD LIKE TO STAY AT A PRE-REVOLUTIONARY BUILDING IF THERE IS ONE WITH CLEAN ROOMS AND MODERN AMENITIES. OTHERWISE, HE WILL FOLLOW EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION.

D. STAFF WILL NEED TO PREPARE INSTRUCTION SHEET ON FINANCES TO GIVE CODEL MEMBERS WITH THEIR PER DIEM. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS AS TO PORTIONS THEY SHOULD RECEIVE IN RUBLES AND DOLLARS AND PROCEDURE FOR CONVERTING RUBLES TO DOLLARS AT END OF TRIP.

E. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR CODEL THAT HOTEL BILLS SHOW ONLY TWO ROOM RATES--ONE FOR SUITES AND DOUBLES; ANOTHER FOR SINGLES. PLEASE ASK SOVIETS EITHER TO CONFIDENTIAL

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USE AVERAGE RATES OR TO PREPARE A BILL SHOWING ONLY TOTAL COST FOR SO MANY ROOMS OF EACH KIND.

F. ON CLOTHING, WE WILL ADVISE CODEL TO BRING WINTER CLOTHES FOR MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD; LATE AUTUMN FOR TASHKENT, TBILISI AND POSSIBLY KIEV. HAVE YOU ANY OTHER ADVICE? THEY WILL BRING NO BLACK TIES. ANY ADVICE CONCERNING WOMEN'S DRESSES?

3. GORDON SHOUSE UNDERWENT BRAIN SURGERY AUGUST 24. A TUMOR WAS REMOVED AND GORDON IS NOW RECUPERATING IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY HOSPITAL. WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED. CHRISTOPHER

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